

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and further and favorable reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, are respectfully requested.

Applicants filed an Amendment and Reply on July 23, 2001. On October 10, 2001, the Examiner issued an Official Communication indicating that the substitute Sequence Listing filed along with the above-mentioned Amendment and Reply did not comply with the appropriate rules and required submission of another substitute Sequence Listing.

By the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to insert the attached second substitute Sequence Listing after the last page of the specification (page 27) and the first page of the claims (page 28). Please amend the page numbers accordingly. The second substitute Sequence Listing includes the changes required by the Examiner in the Notice to Comply which was attached to the Official Communication mailed October 10, 2001. As required, a copy of the second substitute Sequence Listing on computer readable form and a Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-.825 are also enclosed herewith.

The present amendment was made on the basis that the Amendment and Reply filed on July 23, 2001 was entered. Accordingly, the content of the Amendment and Reply filed on July 23, 2001 is hereby incorporated by reference.

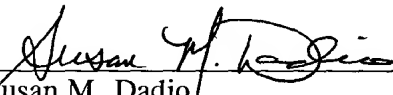
In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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